

Application No. 10/699,274

I. PROPOSED Amendment to Independent Claim 1

Independent Claim 1

1. (currently amended) A sterilization container system comprising:

an sterilization enclosure defining an interior volume;

an upwardly facing surface in the interior volume;

a flexible elastomeric sterilization mat having a downwardly facing surface resting upon the upwardly facing surface, wherein the sterilization mat is configured to support at least one medical instrument thereon; and

a pattern of ridges extending from the downwardly facing surface, wherein the pattern is such that no fold line can traverse the sterilization mat from one side to the other without intersecting at least one ridge.